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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding presumptions of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to herbicide agents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CRIST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expedite Agent Orange
5 Coverage Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VET-**
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS REGARDING PRESUMPTIONS**
3 **OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR DISEASES AS-**
4 **SOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO HERBICIDE**
5 **AGENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1116(e) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended by striking “September
8 30, 2015” and inserting “September 30, 2025”.

9 (b) TREATMENT OF REPORTS RECEIVED DURING
10 EXPIRED PERIOD.—Each report described in section
11 1116(c)(1)(A) of such title that was received by the Sec-
12 retary of Veterans Affairs during the period beginning on
13 September 30, 2015, and ending on the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act shall be treated, for purposes of such
15 section, as if it were received by the Secretary on the date
16 of the enactment of this Act.